

# **DNREC sponsoring Earth Day events throughout the state**

**DOVER** – In observance of Earth Day, Monday, April 22, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control encourages all Delawareans to take part in the many activities across the state that not only help the environment but also offer an opportunity for enjoyment of the outdoors.

## **Thursday, April 18**

### **Earth Day Hike and Meet Up at Grain H2O**

Lums Pond State Park, Summit Marina, Bear – 6 p.m.

In celebration of Earth Day, take a refreshing hike around the park. Afterward, meet up at Summit Marina's Grain H2O restaurant and enjoy an elixir (non-alcoholic drink) such as the Peach Agave Tea, Berry Blast or Paloma Fizz. Pre-registration required. Call 302-368-6989 for cost and information.

## **Friday, April 19**

### **Full Moon Hike**

Bellevue State Park, 800 Carr Road, Wilmington – 7:30 p.m.

Take an hour-long hike under the full moon. Look and listen for nocturnal animals. Wear comfortable shoes as we will venture into the woods. Call 302-761-6963 by 4 p.m. the last business day before the hike for meeting location. Event free of charge.

### **Full Moon Hike**

Holts Landing State Park, Dagsboro – 7:30 p.m.

Hike the Sea-Hawk Trail with a naturalist at night! Although

the full moon will provide some light, learn how to rely on other senses to navigate this 1.7-mile trail, and find out about some of the nocturnal creatures that call this park home. Pre-registration required; call 302-227-2800. \$5 per person.

### **Park After Dark: Full Moon Fridays**

White Clay Creek State Park, Newark – 7:30 pm

Meet at Possum Hill Entrance for Tri-Valley Trail and join a park naturalist for an evening hike to enjoy the moon's journey in the sky. Pre-registration required, \$5 per person; register with payment by noon on Friday and receive \$1 discount. For information, call 302-368-6900.

## **Saturday, April 20**

### **Party for the Planet: Earth Day Celebration**

Brandywine Zoo, 1001 North Park Drive, Wilmington – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

What can you do to help save species? Learn about what you can do to make every day Earth Day during this special event. Event free of charge.

### **Down to Earth Hike**

Cape Henlopen State Park, 15099 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes – 11 a.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with a hike searching for early spring plants and animals. Dress to explore outside. For ages 7 and older with an adult. Limit 20. Pre-registration recommended; call 302-645-6852. Event free of charge.

## **Monday, April 22 (Official Earth Day)**

### **Earth Day Volunteer Project**

Killens Pond State Park, 5025 Killens Pond Road, Felton – 10

a.m. – noon

Meet at the nature center and give back this Earth Day. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Gloves and tools will be provided. Please register online at [destateparks.com/Volunteer](https://destateparks.com/Volunteer). For more information please contact: Volunteer Manager Alison Romano, at [Alison.Romano@delaware.gov](mailto:Alison.Romano@delaware.gov) or 302-900-1423.

### **Earth Day Coast-to-Coast Clean-Up**

Delaware Seashore State Park, Rehoboth Beach – 10 a.m.

Help keep Delaware Seashore clean from coast to coast! Meet at the Indian River Life-Saving Station for a staff-led beach clean-up, then travel to Savages Ditch to clean up debris found in the salt marsh. Preregistration required; call 302-227-6991.

### **If These Trees Could Talk Walking Tour**

First State Heritage Park, Dover, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Travel around The Green and experience some natural history, tree identification, and hear some of the events to which these trees have borne witness. Walking tours leave from the John Bell House on the hour and last approximately 45 minutes. Event free of charge. For information, call 302-739-9194.

### **Earth Day Hike**

Trap Pond State Park, 33587 Bald Cypress Lane, Laurel – 5 p.m.

Join a park naturalist at the nature center for a hike to celebrate Earth Day. Event free of charge. For information, call 302-875-5153.

### **Earth Day Hike**

Brandywine Creek State Park, 41 Adams Dam Road, Wilmington – 5 p.m.

Join us as we enjoy this leisurely hike through the park. The meadows will be blooming, birds will be chirping, and we will be basking in the beauty of the park! Hike will be approximately one hour. Event free of charge; park entrance fees in effect. For information, call 302-655-5740.

## **Wednesday, April 24**

### **Stroll with the Superintendent at Yorklyn Bridge**

Auburn Valley State Park, Yorklyn – 10 a.m.

Join Auburn Valley State Park Superintendent Laura Lee to explore the historic Yorklyn industrial district. Meet at the Yorklyn Bridge Trail parking lot. For information, call 302-239-5687. Event free of charge.

## **Saturday, April 27**

### **Pre-Order Compost Bin Sale Distribution**

Blue Hen Corporate Center, 655 South Bay Road, Dover – 8 a.m. – noon

(Adjacent to the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's Collection Event)

DNREC's Recycling Program is offering compost bins that can be pre-ordered online at a discount price of \$50, half the retail price of the bins. The bins must be picked up by the purchaser at any of three locations: Dover, Lewes, and Delaware City. The Dover pick up is on April 27, while the other pick up locations are later in spring and early summer. Deadline to order compost bins for Dover pickup is Friday, April 19. To order, visit [www.enviroworld.us/delaware](http://www.enviroworld.us/delaware). For more information, call 302-739-9403.

### **Wild About Whales Earth Week Program**

DuPont Nature Center, 2992 Lighthouse Road, Milford – 11 a.m.

Did you know that whale poop is beneficial in many marine environments? In honor of the 2019 Earth Day theme – Protecting our Species – we will learn about whales and how they are interconnected with so many of our ocean species and ecosystems. Preregistration is requested by calling 302-422-1329 or emailing [Lynne.Pusey@delaware.gov](mailto:Lynne.Pusey@delaware.gov).

To see all of DNREC's Earth Day events take a look at our [Departmental Earth Day Calendar Page](#).

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